

Department.: Pharmacy

Course number: PHRM 258W

Title: Current Topics in Pharmacy

Credits: 3

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Catalog Copy: PHRM 2xxW. Current Topics in Pharmacy. Either semester*. Three credits. Two hours of lecture, one hour of discussion and required readings and writings. May be repeated for credit with a change of content and permission of instructor. Readings and discussions of current issues in pharmacy. Topics will vary with each offering. Staff.

Course Information: This Current Topics course will provide detailed knowledge of a specific sub area of pharmacy. Depending on the professor and the semester, the course may focus on biological, chemical, clinical/therapeutic, sociological or legal/ethical aspects of drugs, dosage forms or health care systems. Across all topic areas, relevant didactic and methodological issues are explored. In addition to learning a specific area in depth, the goals are to improve the student's writing, presentation, and discussion skills. Writing assignments will consist of a 15-page paper (excluding references). For the paper, students will research and evaluate in detail one topic area covered in the course and will apply the concepts and methods taught in the course. The writing instructions will include written comments on each draft and individual meetings with each student. There will be at least two drafts. Section enrollment will be limited to 19 students. The student cannot pass the course without passing the W component, generally to include a majority of the course grade. Instructors will be members of the School of Pharmacy faculty; TA's will not be used for the writing portion of the course.

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Role of Grad Students: Instructors will be regular members of the School of Pharmacy faculty. TA's will not be used for the writing portion of this course.